



# GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO

## ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL & FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

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February 2023

Dear Friend,

As we prepare for the 39<sup>th</sup> annual Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical and Fine Arts Festival, we are pleased to offer the youth of our parishes an opportunity to witness their faith in the form of oratory, essay, poetry, iconography, and vocal solo and vocal chant performances. This uplifting program culminates at the Metropolis of Chicago Festival on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, at the host parish of Ascension of our Lord Greek Orthodox Church in Lincolnshire, Illinois. We anticipate a truly inspiring experience for all!

The expenses involved in hosting the Metropolis Festival increase with each passing year; however, we remain committed to investing in our youth and providing them with a forum to enhance their knowledge of Orthodoxy. Currently, our Metropolis is the only one to offer such a range of categories, and with your help, we can continue to provide innovative opportunities for our youth to express their faith.

As someone who has given of your time, talents, and treasures in support of Orthodoxy, we ask that you consider including this year's Metropolis Oratorical Festival as a recipient of your philanthropic giving. With your help, we can once again organize a memorable program for our youth and their families—one that will strengthen their faith and warm their hearts.

For 38 years, participants, parents, and parishes have experienced the impact of this powerful program. We aspire to share this rich, inclusive tradition with future generations and are grateful for your generous support.

With our sincere appreciation,

The Metropolis of Chicago Oratorical & Fine Arts Festival Committee

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